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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF  
PORTMANN ET AL.

Examiner: Chang, Celia C.

Art Unit: 1625

APPLICATION NO: 10/787,528

FILED: FEBRUARY 26, 2004

FOR: CRYSTAL MODIFICATIONS OF 1-(2,6-DIFLUOROBENZYL)-1H-  
1,2,3-TRIAZOLE-4-CARBOXAMIDE

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

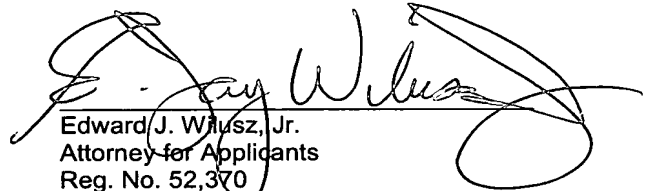
The Office Action of October 19, 2004 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on January 19, 2004. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1020 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

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